Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, The first Dakota Territorial Legislature, which convened in the early months of 1862, and whose members, recognizing quality education would be vital to the development of Dakota Territory, approved legislation authorizing what would become The University of South Dakota in the town of Vermillion, which Territorial Governor William Jayne signed on April 21, 1862; and,

Whereas, On the crisp morning of October 16, 1882, with Principal Epstein leading them, thirty-five young men and women became the nucleus of a University that would grow to include nearly 10,000 enrolled students and more than 75,000 alumni; and,

Whereas, Academics flourished thanks to knowledgeable, respected, and beloved faculty and administrators and has grown to include the establishment of a comprehensive College of Arts and Sciences, Schools of Education, Health Sciences, and Business, and the state's only College of Fine Arts, and Schools of Law and Medicine; and,

Whereas, The University's students have excelled in the gallery and on the gridiron, in the arena, and on the stage producing celebrated artists and athletes alike; and,

Whereas, The University's alumni have become leaders, healers, innovators, heroes, researchers, and nationally recognized scholars; and,

Whereas, The University of South Dakota has dutifully executed its mission as the state's comprehensive liberal arts university, offering undergraduate, graduate, and professional programs within the South Dakota System of Higher Education for 150 years and it continues *onward* as the state's flagship university; and,

Whereas, April 20, 2012, is the day which begins the official observance of The University of South Dakota's sesquicentennial year:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim April 20, 2012, as

THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH DAKOTA DAY

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Second Day of April in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Twelve.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Jason Gant

Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State